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SUBJ: VISIT OF CHILEAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

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- 1. CHILEAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GENERAL ENRIQUE VALDES PUGA ENDED 5-DAY VISIT TO GUATEMALA ON JANUARY 29. VISIT RECEIVED NOT MUCH PUBLICITY.
- 2. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS, EDGAR SARCENO, TOLD POLOFF JANUARY 30 THAT VISIT WAS GIVEN OVER LARGELY TO TOURISM AND PRELIMINARY DRAFTING OF CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS. SARCENO SAID THAT THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER MAY VISIT GUATEMALA IN MARCH TO SIGN AGREEMENTS IF THE PROBLEM WITH ARGENTINA OVER THE BEAGLE CHANNEL PERMITS.
- 3. SARCENO COMMENTED THAT THE GOG HAD SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE VALDES VISIT, WHICH WAS AT CHILE'S INITIATIVE. THE GUATEMALANS, HE SAID, WERE SENSITIVE TO THE CRITICISM HERE WHICH GREETED THE BESTOWAL OF THE ORDER OF THE QUETZAL ON PRESIDENT PINOCHET LAST YEAR DURING THE VISIT TO CHILE OF VICE PRESIDENT SANDOVAL TO RALLY UNGA SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALA ON THE BELIZE ISSUE. GUATEMALA OVERCAME THESE MISGIVINGS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH DERIVED FROM CHILE'S HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS CHILE ONE OF ITS FIRMER LATIN AMERICAN FRIENDS ON THE BELIZE QUESTION. THIS DESPITE CHILE'S SHIFT FROM A NEGATIVE VOTE TO ABSTENTIION ON THE PRINCIPLE BELIZE RESOLUTION THIS TIME AROUND, ACCORDING TO SARCENO. BOSTER

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